

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 are pending. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-6 of Patent Application No. 09/988,830 now U.S. Patent No. 6,724,460. Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is moot.

In view of the foregoing, the claims are believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.


All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 03-3975 under Order No. 81468/284106. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

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